

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A portable container for carrying one or more tools, the container having an outer surface provided with means for retaining a work surface thereon.
2. (Original) A portable container as claimed in claim 1 wherein the means for retaining comprises one or more raised members.
3. (Original) A portable container as claimed in claim 2 wherein the raised members are movable along the outer surface of the container.
4. (Currently Amended) A portable container as claimed in claim 2 [[or 3]] wherein the raised members are detachable.
5. (Original) A portable container as claimed in claim 2 wherein the raised members are fixed.
6. (Original) A portable container as claimed in claim 5 wherein the raised members are integral with the outer surface.
7. (Currently Amended) A portable container as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 2 ~~to~~ 6 wherein the raised members are a plurality of flanges and/or pins.
8. (Currently Amended) A portable container as claimed in ~~any one of claims~~ claim 2 ~~to~~ 7 wherein the raised members are positioned at or adjacent the periphery of the outer surface.

9. (Currently Amended) A portable container as claimed in any preceding claim 1 wherein the work surface is a chopping board.

10. (Currently Amended) A portable container as claimed in any preceding claim 1 wherein the container has a second opposed outer surface having non-slip means.

11. (Currently Amended) ) A portable container as claimed in any preceding claim 1 wherein the inside of the container includes means for retaining one or more tools.

12. (Original) A portable container as claimed in claim 11 wherein the means for retaining tools includes a moulded tray, magnetic material and/or one or more clips.

13. (Currently Amended) ) A portable container as claimed in any preceding claim 1 wherein at least a part of container is made of plastics material, light weight metal or wood.

14. (Original) A kit of parts comprising a portable container for carrying tools having an outer surface provided with means for retaining a work surface thereon, a work surface for retention on the outer surface of the container, and a set of tools for storing inside the container.

15. (Original) A kit as claimed in claim 14 wherein the work surface can be stored inside the container.